



Check out what participants at the November 19, 2014 Boxborough Master Plan Kickoff Forum had to say about the future of their town.



Were you there?

*Welcome to the
Boxborough 2030
Master Plan Update
Public Kickoff & Visioning Forum
Please sign in here!*

7:00pm, Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Grange Meeting Room, Boxborough Town Hall
29 Middle Road, Boxborough, Massachusetts 01719

Boxborough, Massachusetts

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Harvard

T Littleton / Route 495

Littleton

Acton

South Acton

Stow

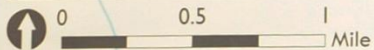
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Map Source: MassGIS



Where do you live?

Place a dot on or near your home.
If you live outside this map, place your dot in this box:



Harvard

Stow

Acton

South Acton

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75 people
place a dot on
this map near
their home



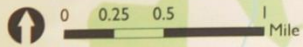
Where do you work?

Place a dot near your place of employment.

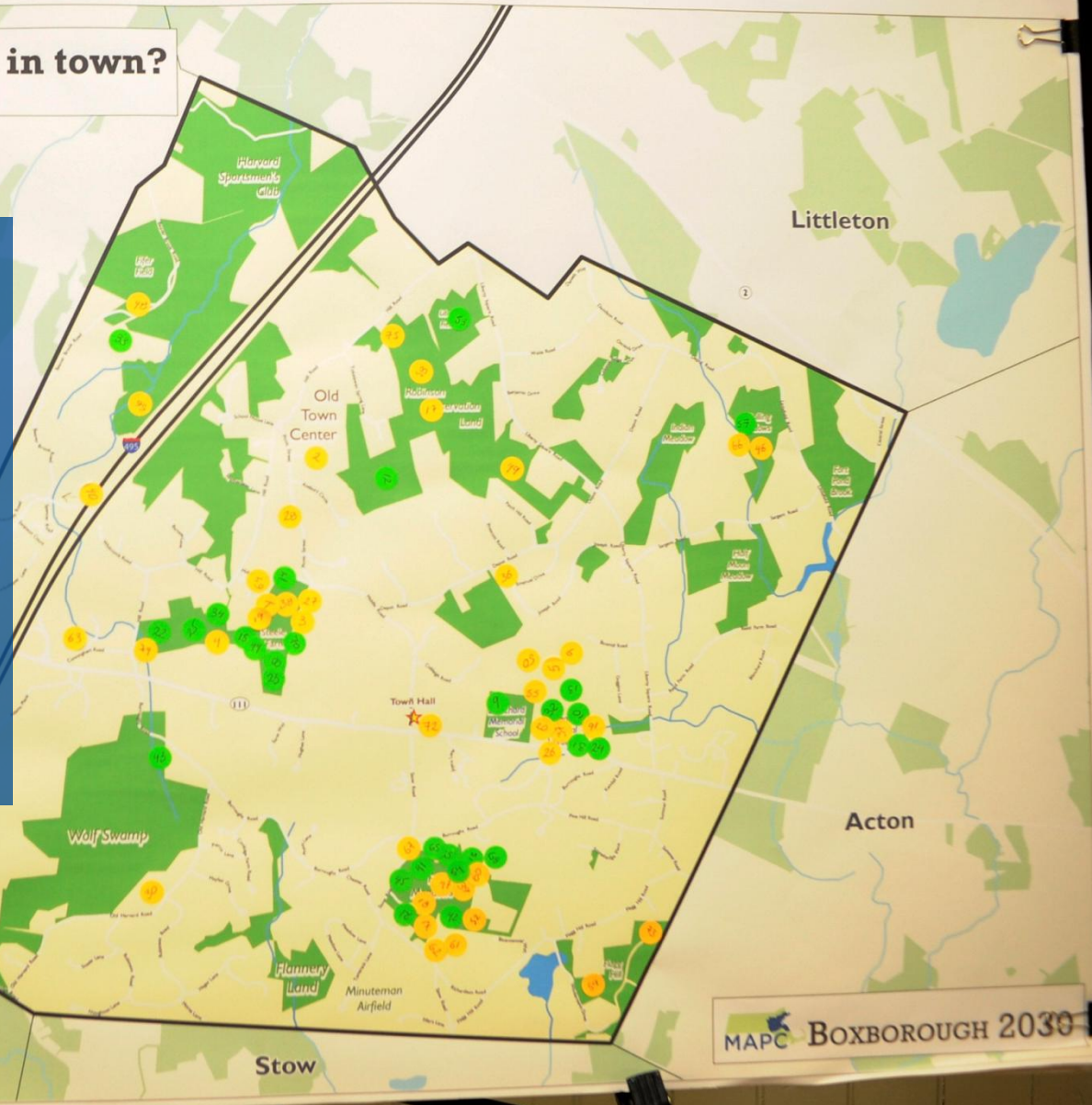


What's your favorite place in town?

Place a numbered dot on or near your favorite place in town.



Steele Farm,
Flerra Meadows,
and Sargent
Memorial
Library were the
top 3 responses.



What year did you move here?

8 moved
here
between
1953-1979

9 moved
here in the
1980s

14 moved
here in the
1990s

16 moved
here
between
2000-2009

8 moved
here
between
2012-2014

Good

BOXBOROUGH: POPULATION TRENDS

82% of Boxborough households own their homes, which is about 1.3 times the rate of Middlesex County.

ACS 2012

20% of Boxborough residents are foreign born as compared to 22 percent in Acton and 10 percent in Littleton.

ACS 2012

3% of households live under the poverty line, which is two-fifths the rate of poverty in Middlesex County, and one-quarter of the rate in Massachusetts.

ACS 2012

The median household income in Boxborough is

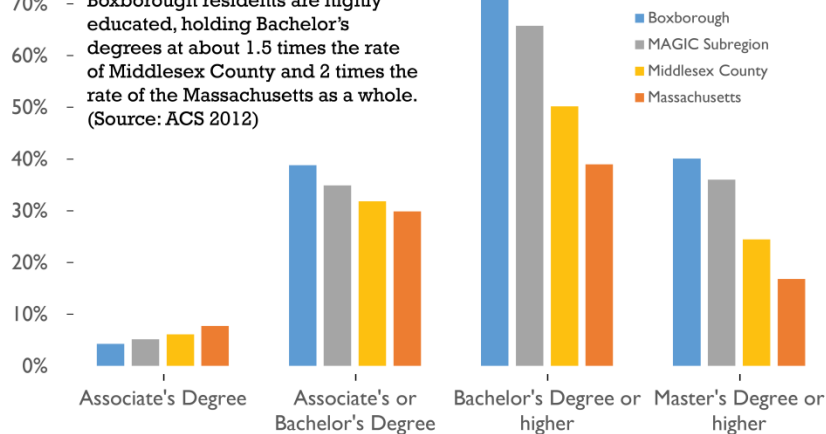
\$107,000

which is about 1.3 times the rate of Middlesex County and 1.5 times the rate of Massachusetts.

ACS 2012

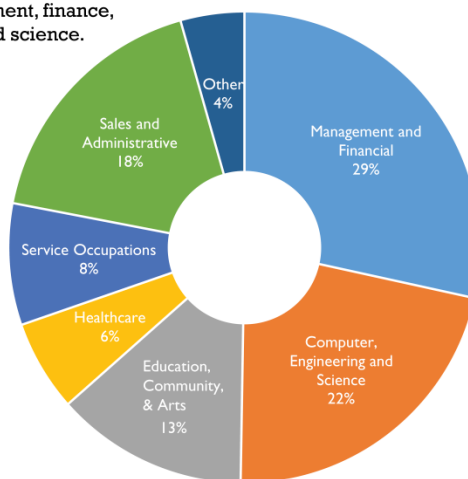
Educational Attainment

Boxborough residents are highly educated, holding Bachelor's degrees at about 1.5 times the rate of Middlesex County and 2 times the rate of the Massachusetts as a whole. (Source: ACS 2012)

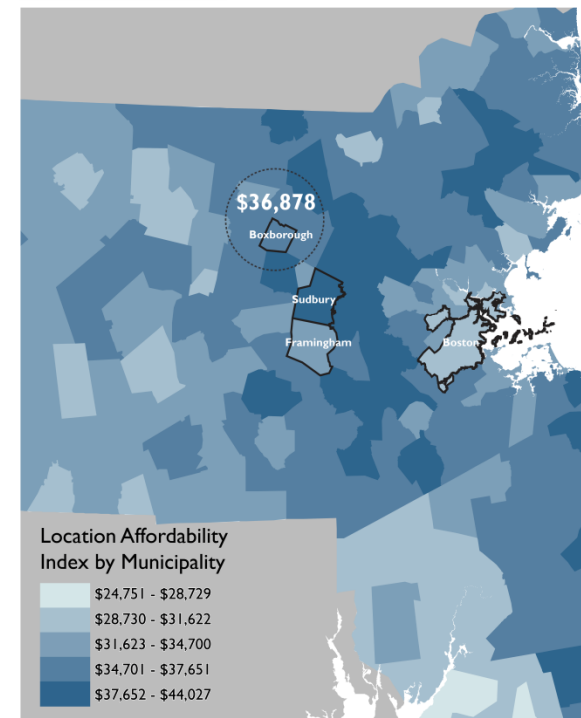


Reported Occupations

Over half of the reported occupations in Boxborough are management, finance, computer engineering and science. (Source: ACS 2012)



Affordability



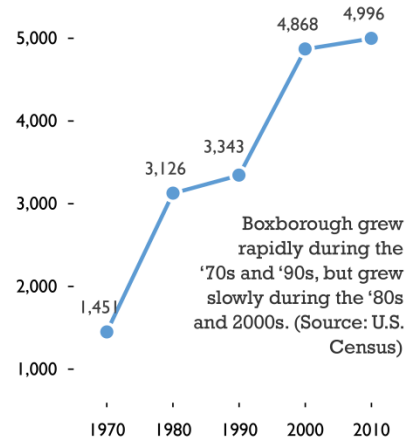
The Location Affordability Index is a measure of the combined costs of housing and transportation. The average combined cost of housing and transportation for a 2-person household in Boxborough is roughly \$36,878. By comparison, the cost in Sudbury is \$41,812, the cost in Framingham is \$34,229, and the cost in Boston is \$31,267. (Source: HUD).



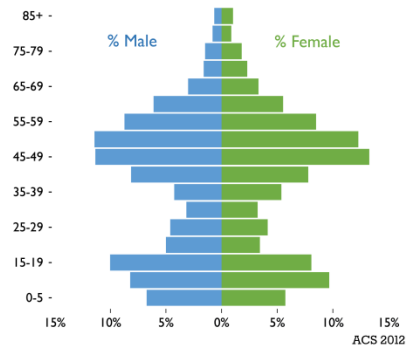
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BOXBOROUGH: POPULATION TRENDS

Total Population

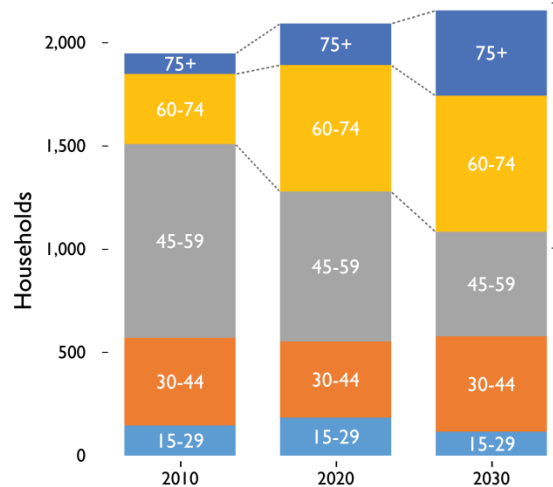


Population by Age & Gender



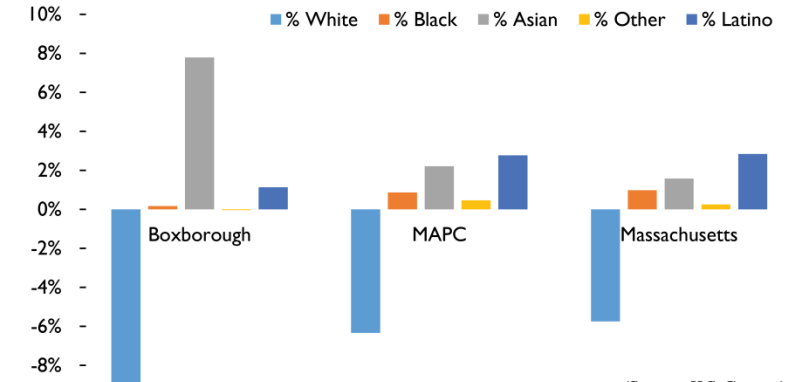
In 2010, **38 percent** of households in Boxborough were families with children. This is a **decrease of about 4 percent** from 2000. (Source: U.S. Census).

Household Projections by Age



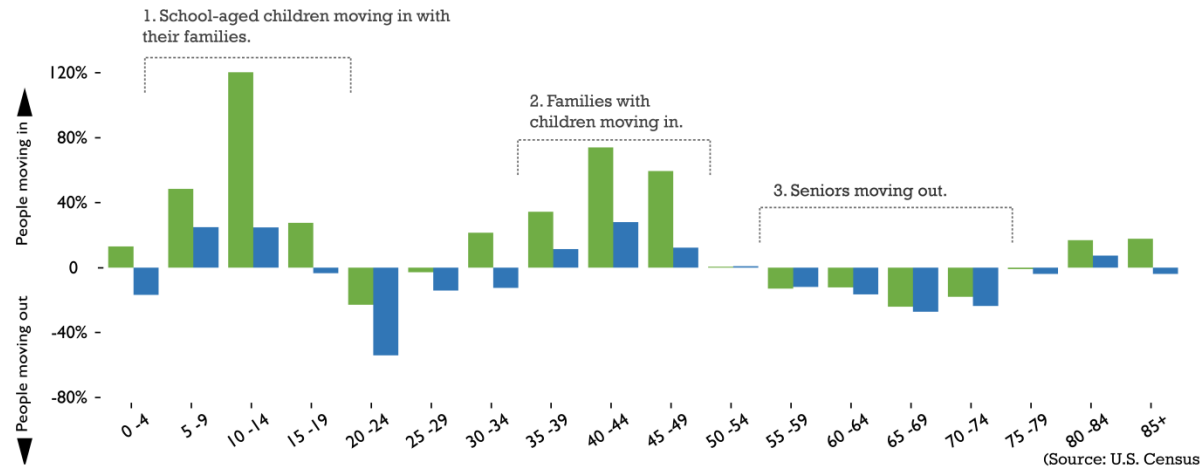
Despite projected decline in total population, total number of households will increase as the age make-up changes significantly. By 2030, 47 percent of residents in Boxborough will be older than 60 and transitioning from larger families to smaller households. (Source: MAPC Analysis)

% Change in Racial/Ethnic Share, '00-'10



(Source: U.S. Census)

Net Migration by Age, 1990s-2000s



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What surprises you about this data?

What do you know that the numbers don't say?

Education level
Population trends
Population density
Population growth
Population decline
Population stability
Population change
Population increase
Population decrease
Population fluctuation
Population volatility
Population instability
Population uncertainty
Population risk
Population resilience
Population adaptability
Population flexibility
Population responsiveness
Population sustainability
Population viability
Population health
Population well-being
Population quality of life
Population happiness
Population satisfaction
Population engagement
Population participation
Population contribution
Population impact
Population influence
Population power
Population voice
Population choice
Population freedom
Population justice
Population equity
Population fairness
Population integrity
Population honesty
Population transparency
Population accountability
Population responsibility
Population stewardship
Population guardianship
Population trusteeship
Population custodianship
Population ownership
Population control
Population management
Population governance
Population leadership
Population vision
Population mission
Population purpose
Population values
Population beliefs
Population attitudes
Population behaviors
Population habits
Population routines
Population patterns
Population trends
Population forecasts
Population projections
Population scenarios
Population alternatives
Population options
Population choices
Population decisions
Population actions
Population steps
Population measures
Population interventions
Population strategies
Population programs
Population policies
Population laws
Population regulations
Population standards
Population guidelines
Population principles
Population rules
Population codes
Population protocols
Population procedures
Population processes
Population systems
Population structures
Population frameworks
Population models
Population templates
Population formats
Population styles
Population designs
Population plans
Population blueprints
Population roadmaps
Population charts
Population graphs
Population diagrams
Population maps
Population networks
Population connections
Population relationships
Population interactions
Population dynamics
Population flows
Population cycles
Population rhythms
Population patterns
Population sequences
Population series
Population trends
Population trajectories
Population paths
Population routes
Population directions
Population destinations
Population goals
Population objectives
Population outcomes
Population results
Population impacts
Population effects
Population consequences
Population implications
Population significance
Population importance
Population relevance
Population value
Population worth
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Population distinction
Population reputation
Population status
Population rank
Population position
Population standing
Population stature
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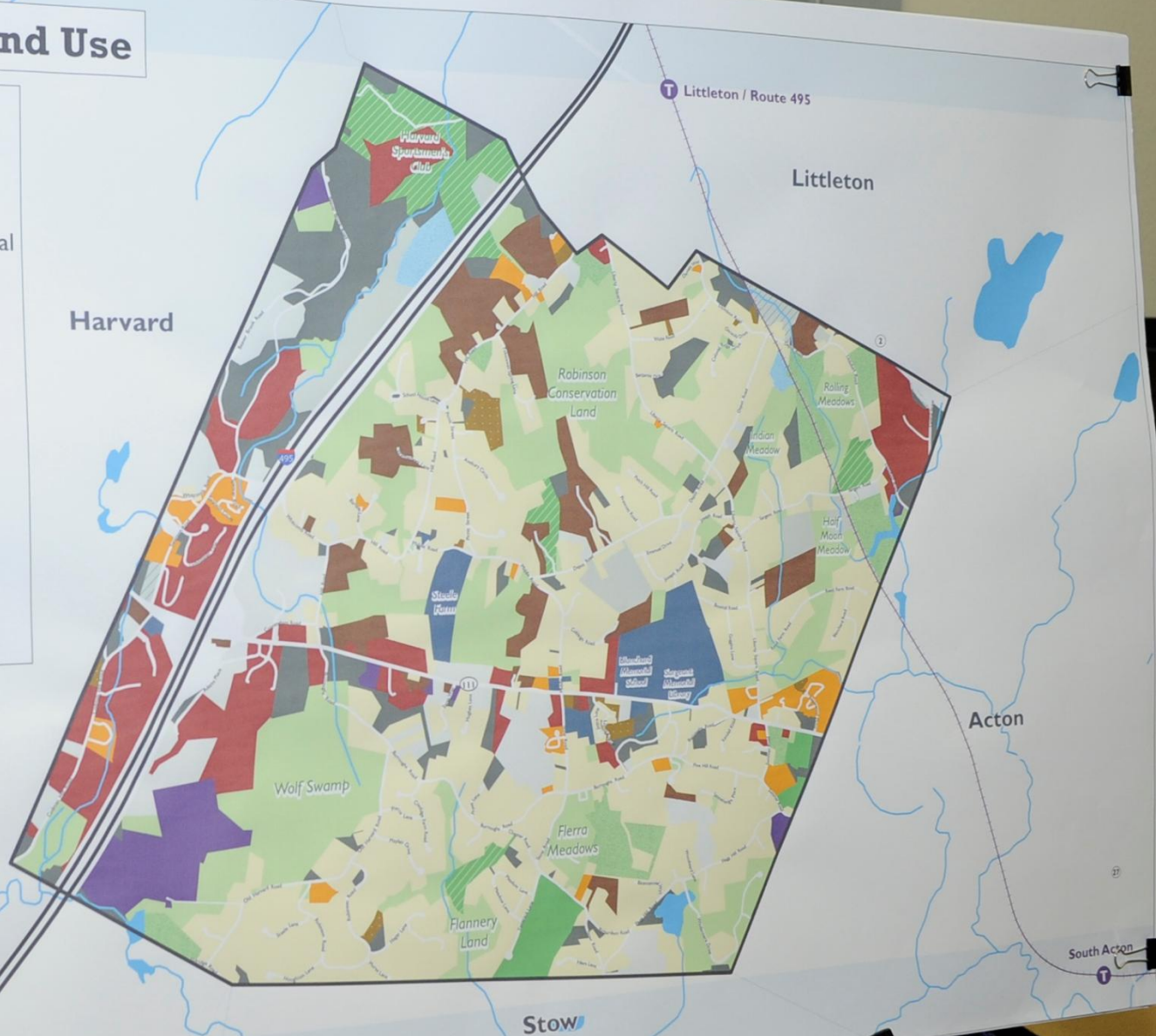


Boxborough Land Use

- Residential, Single Family
- Residential, 2-3 Family
- Residential Apartments
- Residential, Other
- Residential & Commercial
- Industrial
- Retail, Office, and R&D
- Civic/Institutional
- Recreational
- Chapter 61
- Agricultural
- Wetlands
- Vacant, Town-Owned
- Vacant, Developable
- Vacant, Undevelopable
- State-Owned Land
- Vacant, Charitable



0 0.25 0.5 1 Mile



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Where should development
happen, and what kind?

Are there adequate options for housing, jobs, shopping, eating out, & socializing here?

Handwritten sticky notes:

- No
- No, no so
- No adequate housing
- No good jobs
- No good shopping
- No adequate housing
- No good jobs
- No good shopping

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How do you get around?

Place a dot under all that apply.



Train: 6 Car: 45 Walking: 33 Bicycle: 11



transportation options
community

13 respondents identified the
desire for a shuttle to the train.

Community Assets

Mark up the map with a numbered dot to identify what's missing!

Protected Open & Recreational Space

- Permanently Protected
- Limited Protection
- Unprotected

Walking path or trail

Land Use

- Civic/Institutional
- Recreational
- Chapter 61
- Agricultural
- Wetlands

MA Historical Commission Inventory

- Historical Areas
- Building or Structure
- Object
- Burial Ground
- Other

Town Services

- Town Hall
- Local Police
- State Police
- County Sheriff
- Fire Stations



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List amenities, organizations,
& destinations in and around
Boxborough that enhance
the quality of life here...

Public
Transportation

Redevelop & shape
in Acton & Concord
Barnes in Boston

THE NUMBER
OF HELPFUL
NEIGHBOURS -
VOLUNTEERS & O.
THE MINUTEMEN,
COA, ETC.

Library
reservation leads
M + United
Way

TEEN WORKS
IN ACTON -
THE SAI
FACILITY IN
CARLIAR

Conservation
Land
Trails

Library is
a major
asset!

Littleton train
station
Library
Open road
highway

495
Schools
Church
Town Hall
Post Office

Community
town
center!

We need a new
Community Center
for

School

- LIBRARY
- HIKING TRAILS
- STEELE FARM
- EASY ACCESS
TO MAJOR HIGH-
WAYS.

LIBRARY
COMMUNITY
CENTER
WALKING TRAILS

Library
Steele Farm
Flora Field

Trader
Joe
+ Debra's
Natural
Gourmet

MINUTEMEN
BC TRUST

Library
Farmers Market
Film Day

Library
Community
Center

Hiking &
skiing -
open space

Nature trails
Libraries

Acton
Conservation
Trail through
Time

Trails

My church
is in
Littleton

Steele
Farm

Town
Volunteers
are an
asset

Littleton
Conservation
Trails
(Library)



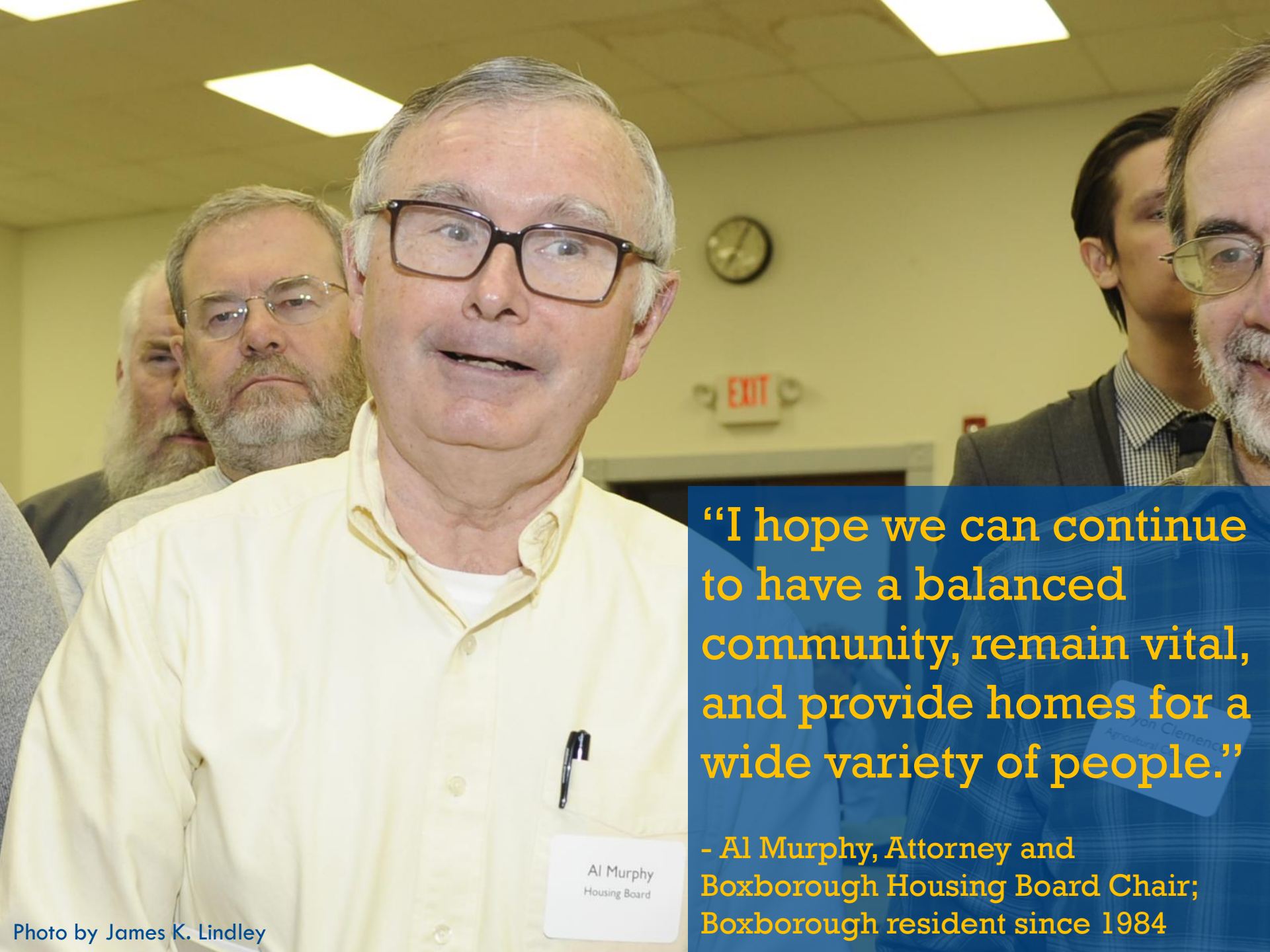
“I would like to see reasonably sized houses affordable to young families. Single or duplex.” Also: “No more commercial buildings until we’ve proven we need them. If we have empty storefronts, we shouldn’t be building more. It’s sad to drive through town and see the “for rent” and “for lease” signs.”

– Nancy C. Brown, 51 year Buxborough resident and retired nurse who moved here because it was affordable and has lived in the same house ever since!

Karen
Adelman
Web Committee



Vanessa Brown has been a Boxborough resident for a little over 4 years.. She and her family were attracted by the phenomenal school system , and the area itself – places to run around! She likes getting involved and is a new Girl Scouts troupe leader. She hopes for more amenities in Boxborough and feels that the town relies too much on neighboring towns.



“I hope we can continue to have a balanced community, remain vital, and provide homes for a wide variety of people.”

- Al Murphy, Attorney and
Boxborough Housing Board Chair;
Boxborough resident since 1984



Stefano Caprara moved here about a year ago. His in-laws live nearby. The sense of community in Boxborough has been a nice surprise. He values preservation but also believes the town should keep an eye on development opportunities for its long-term health as a community.

What we heard:

The Boxborough community...

- Cherishes its ecological, agricultural, historic, and scenic **resources**.
- Desires **preservation** of its meadows, agricultural lands, and other open spaces that contribute to the community's **rural character**.
- Endeavors to provide a **balanced mix** of housing, businesses, and services that will enhance the local quality of life and provide an affordable cost of living for current and prospective residents at all income levels.

What we heard:

The Boxborough community...

- Wants new development and redevelopment of existing structures to be physically **designed to blend** with the town's small town landscape.
- Desires to **focus economic development in existing commercial areas** and ensure adequate water and sewer infrastructure to support existing and new development in these areas.
- Wants to **leverage its existing agricultural assets** for economic development.

What we heard:

The Boxborough community...

- Sees itself as **part of a regional economy** with goods, services, employment, and gathering places nearby – sometimes in town, and sometimes in neighboring towns.
- Is **conscientious of its energy consumption** and seeks to constantly reduce its carbon footprint through improvements in energy efficiency, high standards for building practices, and reductions in its communitywide energy usage.

What we heard:

The Boxborough community...

- Prizes its **regional school system** and high quality **municipal services**.
- Is knit together with a **strong local identity**, which is strengthened by events and places that enhance **community pride**.

The Boxborough Vision

(per the December 9, 2014 MPUC meeting)

A Rural, Engaged Community for All

Boxborough shall maintain its traditional values of rural open space, a first-rate educational system, agricultural and conservation lands, and historical roots, while fostering a balanced economic environment and enhancing a close-knit sense of community for all generations.